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STATIC FLUID PRESSURE
MEASUREMENTS**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 23, 2009, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment.